

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : John P. Leonard *et al.*

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For : USE OF IL-12 ANTAGONISTS IN THE TREATMENT OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to prosecution on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line 5, please insert the following: --This application is a divisional of application

16-20 *Art B1* Ser. No. 08/560,943, filed November 20, 1995; which is a file-wrapper-continuation of application

16-20 *Art B1* Ser. No. 08/212,629, filed March 14, 1994, now abandoned; all of which are incorporated by reference herein.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

16-20 *NE.* *16-20*
Please cancel claims 1-9 and 16-23.

16-20 *Art B1* Please add new claims ~~24-28~~ as follows:

16-20 *Art B1* *24* (NEW). A method for treating rheumatoid arthritis in a human subject, said method comprising administering to said subject a therapeutically effective amount of an IL-12 antagonist that binds IL-12, wherein said antagonist is selected from the group consisting of an antibody immunoreactive with IL-12 and an antibody fragment immunoreactive with IL-12.